

Peirce School

Playground Design

Community Meeting February 17, 2022



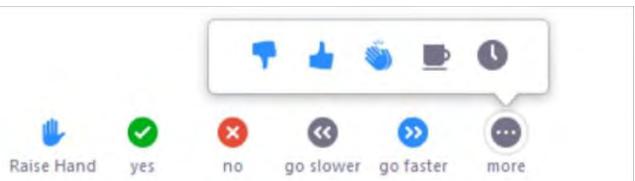


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PRESENTATION:



TURN VIDEO ON/OFF
PLEASE REMAIN MUTED



NON-VERBAL OPTIONS

CLICK ON PARTICIPANTS (BOTTOM OF SCREEN) AND THESE OPTIONS WILL POP UP IN A SIDE BAR

Q&A SESSION:



VIA PHONE

USE *9 TO RAISE HAND TO ASK QUESTIONS



VIA WEB

CHAT TO ASK QUESTIONS



RAISE HAND
FOR QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL AND COURTEOUS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS WHEN ASKING QUESTIONS OR PROVIDING FEEDBACK SO ALL ATTENDEES ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING.



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PROJECT GOAL

- START CONSTRUCTION THIS SUMMER INTO EARLY FALL
- TIMELINE DESIGNED WITH THIS GOAL
- EXPEDIENT DESIGN PROCESS

COMMUNITY INPUT

- SURVEY
- PUBLIC MEETING #1 TONIGHT
- MEETING WITH STUDENTS AFTER VACATION
- SECOND PUBLIC DESIGN INPUT MEETING TO REVIEW FINAL DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS MARCH 3RD

TONIGHT'S MEETING

- STRATTON 6 PM, **PEIRCE 7 PM**, BISHOP 8 PM



PLAYGROUND RENOVATION ONLY

- FOCUS ON PLAYGROUND RENOVATION ONLY
- ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS) – ESTIMATING \$1.8 MILLION
- NOT A FULL PARK RENOVATION LIKE OTHER PARK COMMISSION PROJECTS
- KEEPING THIS FOCUS ALONG THE WAY WILL BE DIFFICULT TO DO!

DESIGN GUIDELINES

- REPLACEMENT OF PLAY EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY SURFACING
- FOCUS ON SCHOOL AGE APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT (5-12 AGES)
- DURABLE MATERIALS FOR HEAVY USE (PREFERENCE FOR METAL OVER WOOD STRUCTURES)

TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION

- VOTING WHERE APPROPRIATE
- HOLD ALL QUESTIONS UNTIL THE END



Agenda

1. PROJECT TEAM EXPERIENCE
2. PROJECT SCHEDULE
3. PROJECT BACKGROUND & CPSI REVIEW
4. EXISTING CONDITIONS
5. COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS
6. WHAT WE'VE HEARD
7. DESIGN CONCEPTS
8. MENTI-METER SURVEY
9. NEXT STEPS



Project Team - Playgrounds Experience

Total of 35 completed playground projects since 2006

- Excludes splash pads, ballfields/courts park projects
- 3 in Arlington



26 playground projects are school playgrounds

Waldo Park, Arlington
2008



Vinson Owen School, Winchester
2013

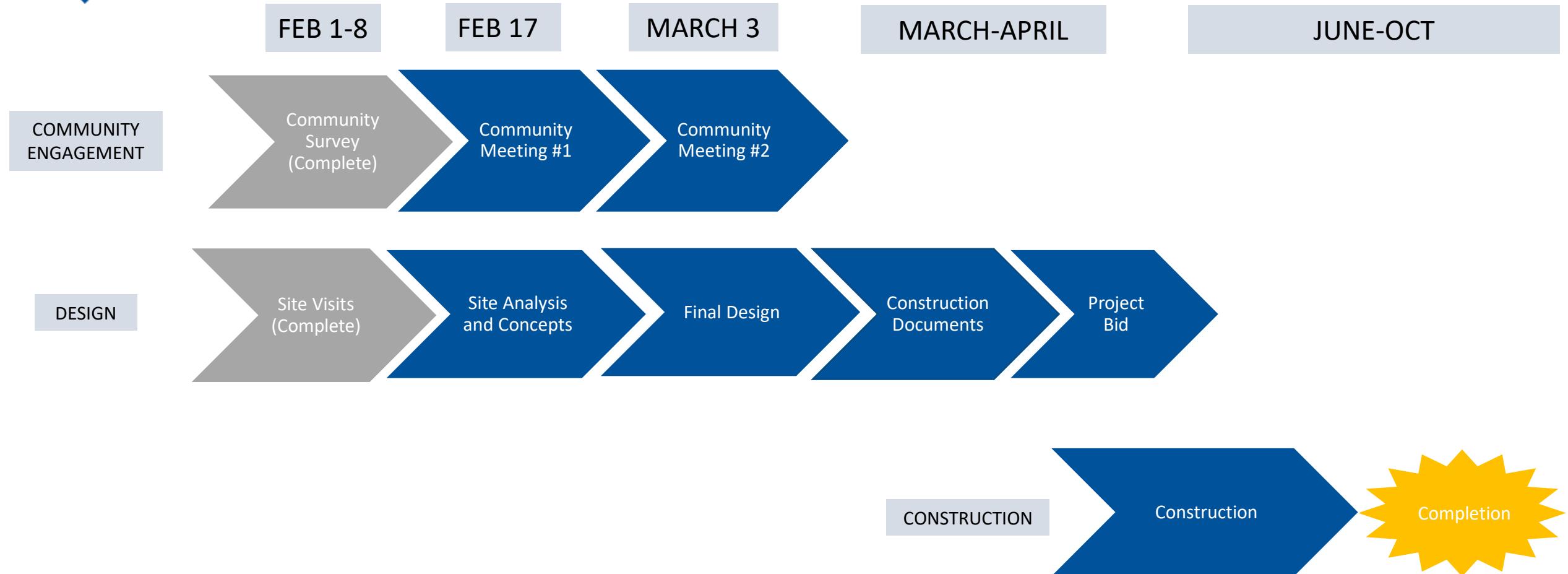


Healey Schoolyard, Somerville
Fall 2022 Completion





Project Schedule





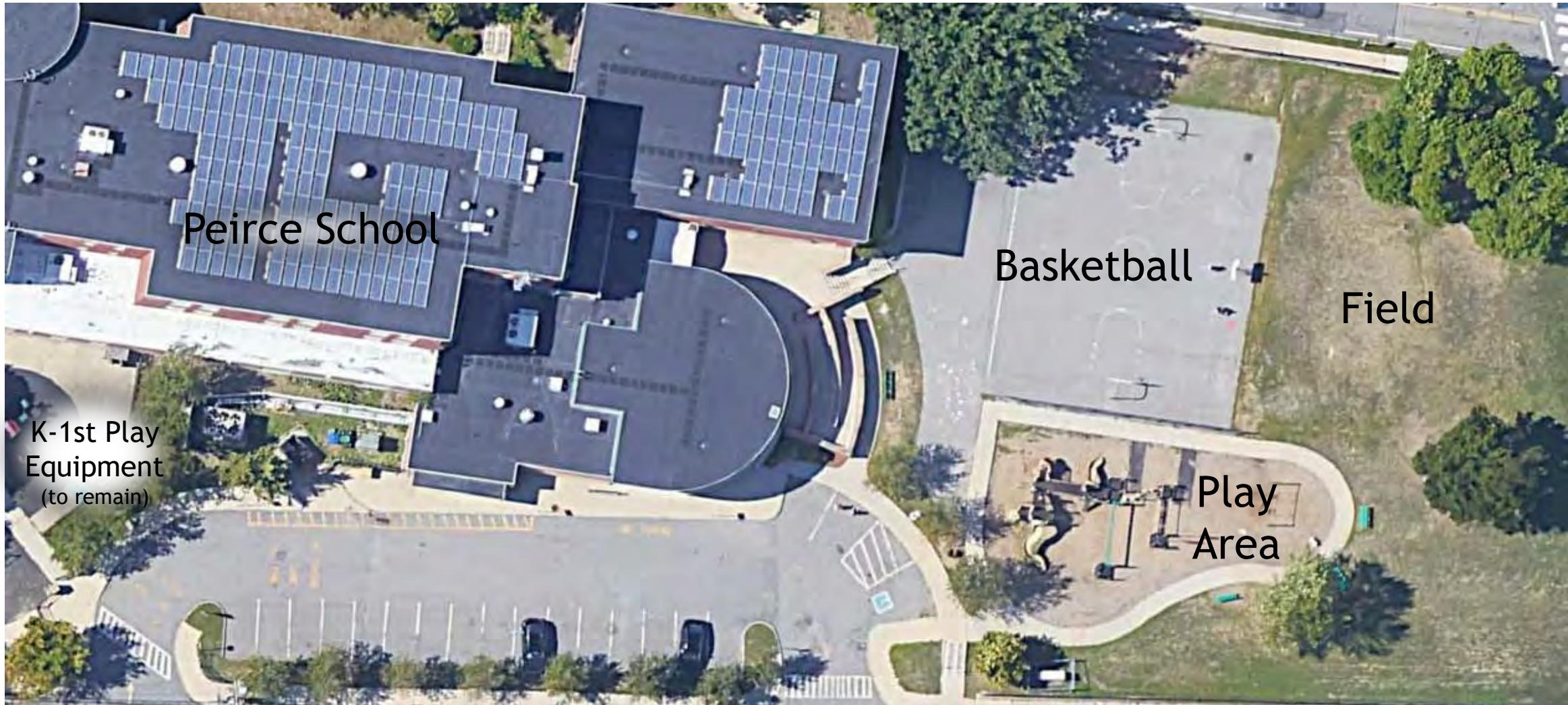
Project Background & CPSI Review

- Playground assessment and report in 2019
- Identified hazards and recommendation replacement
- Goal for increased accessibility





Peirce Playground - Existing Conditions





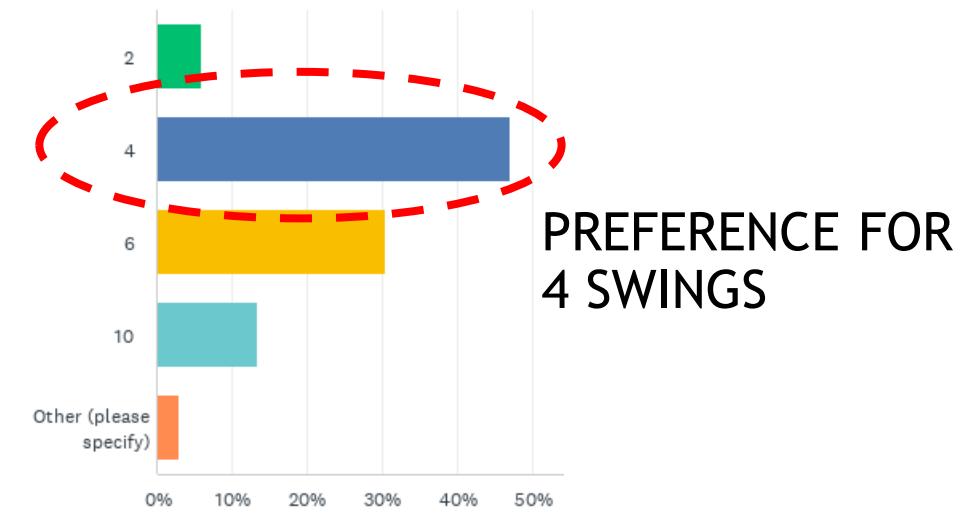
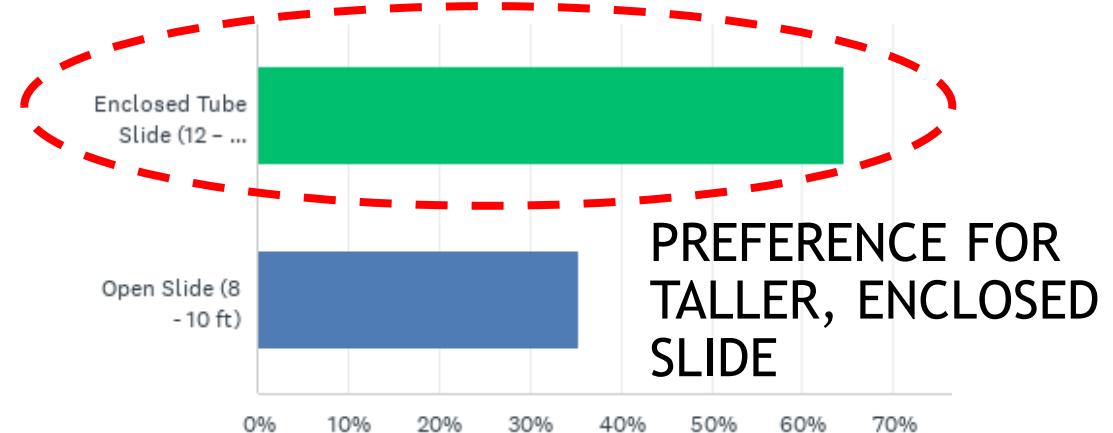
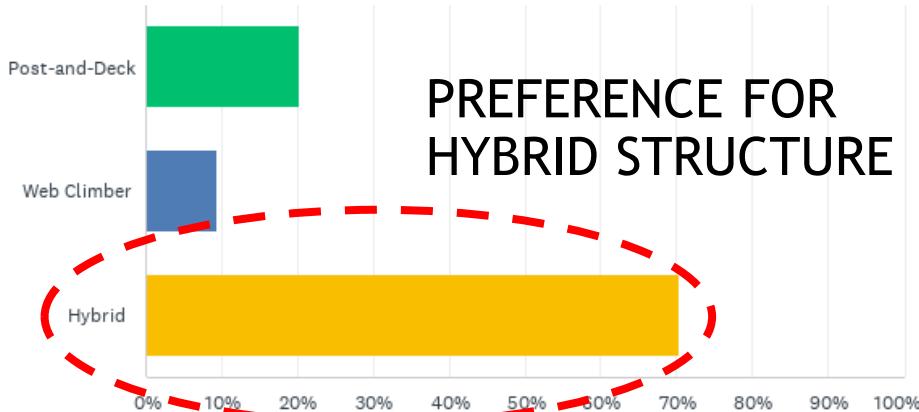
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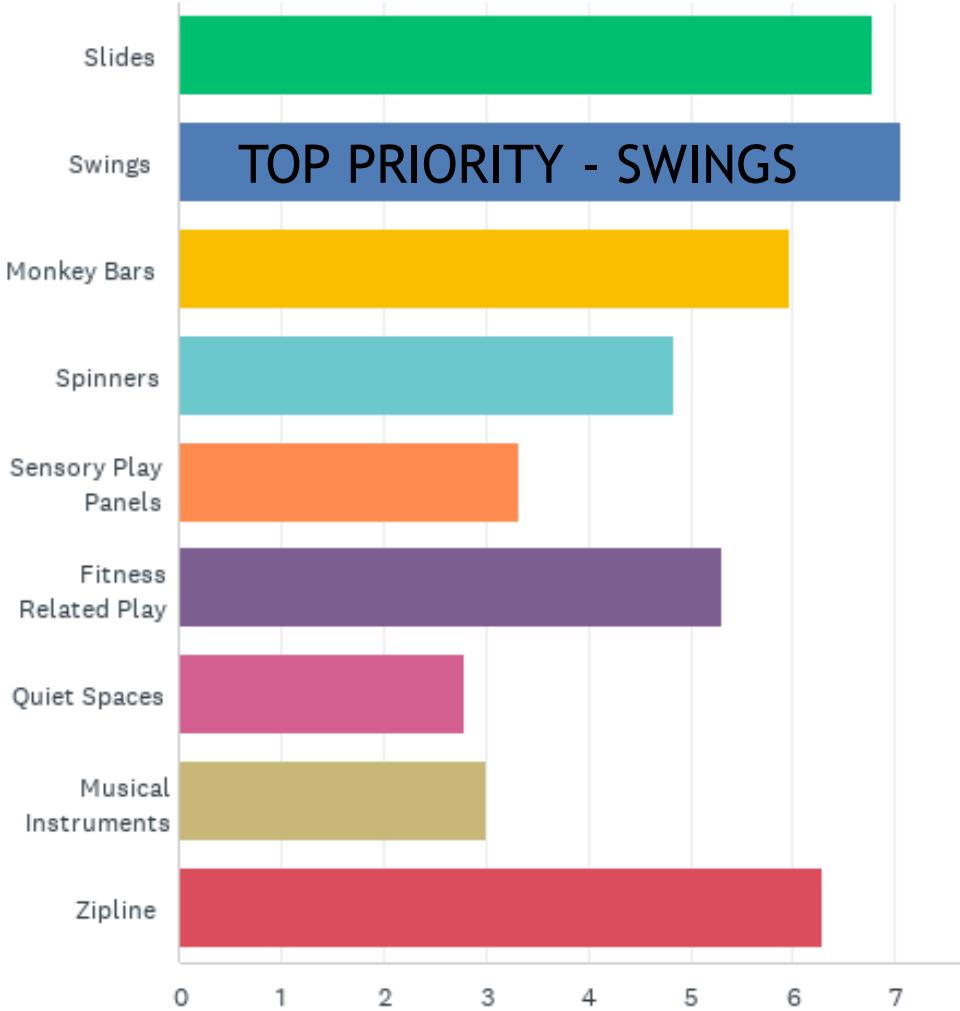
Community Survey Results

- **566 TOTAL RESPONSES**
- **135 FOR PEIRCE**
- **SURVEY OPEN FROM FEBRUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 8, 2022**





Community Survey Results





What We've Heard

Survey Feedback

- More swings – always a line to use them
- Current equipment needs a refresh
- Taller slide
- Replace woodchips with rubber safety surface
- Improve accessibility
- Add other types of play (music/creative)

Special Education Outreach

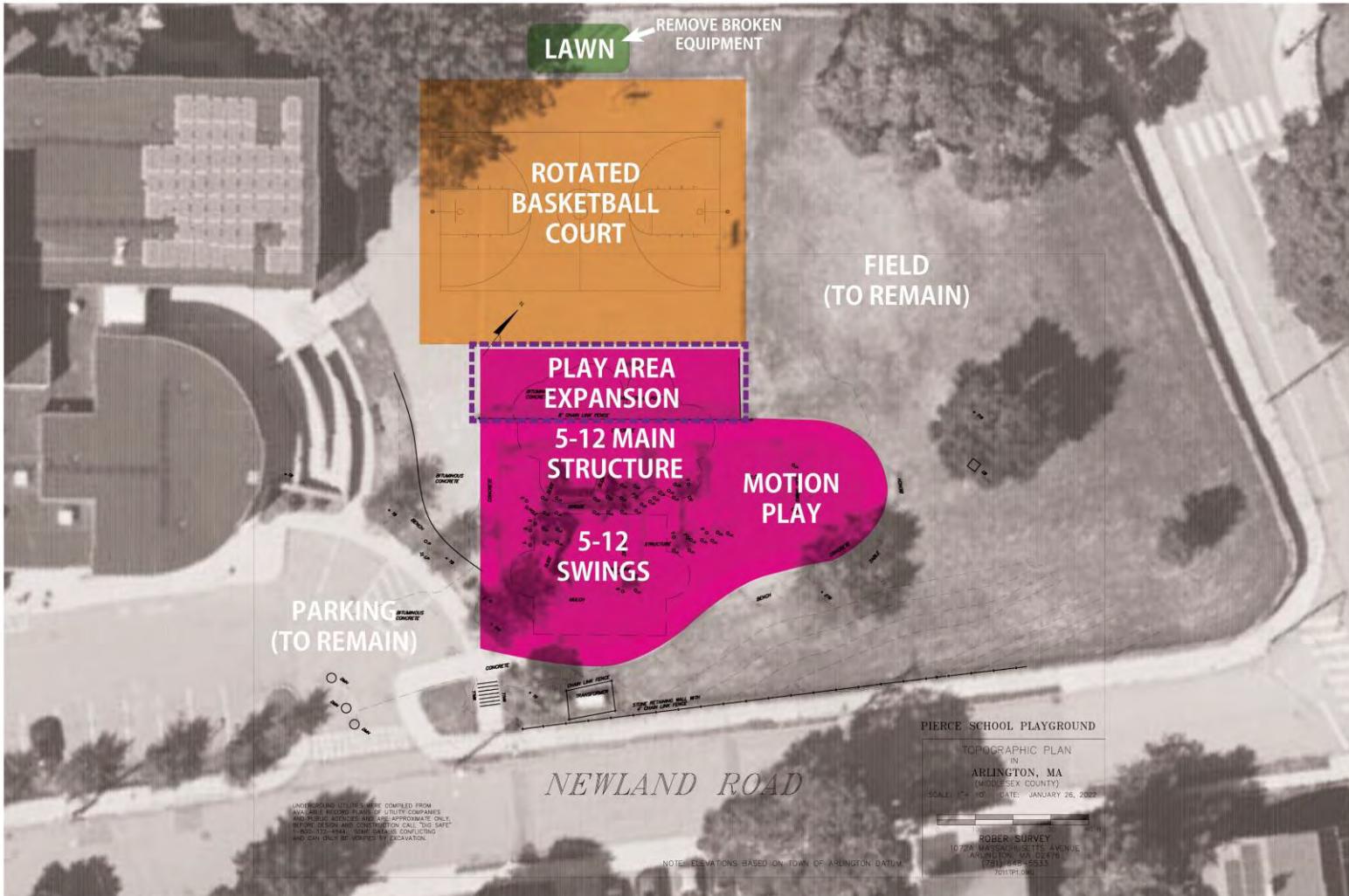
- Inclusive for all children
- Multi-sensory equipment
- Path around play area
- More swings
- Equipment for children to participate together
- **No zip line**
- Interactive/Connected
- Climbing wall or structure (not rope)
- See-saw or similar structure for collaboration



Design Concept - Bubble Diagram

Design Guidelines

- Play can expand partially into basketball court
- Rotate court but keep emergency vehicle and DPW access to site
- Add more swings
- Replace completely with rubber safety surfacing due to drainage problems
- Include walking loop around play space
- Field to remain
- Kindergarten/1st grade play space to remain
- Provide equipment with more challenge for older students





Design Concept - Option A





Design Concept - Option A

Climbing
Wall



4-6 swings with option to
add basket swing



Design Concept - Option B



Squiggleknots



Design Concept - Option B



Net and Belting
Climbing Options



Accessible belting



4-6 swings with option to
add basket swing





Design Concept - Additional Features - Both Options

Omnispin



Basket Swing



WeSaw



SwayFun Glider

PEIRCE



Menti-Meter Survey

- Please use your phone to vote on
MENTI.COM
- Enter Room Code **7636 8774**
- Your responses will provide live feedback to
assist with the design



Next Steps

- Final Community Meeting March 3rd
- Final design
- Rendered site plan and playground design elements
- Construction Documents
- Summer Construction
- Project Completion